



September 18, 2014 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER– Chair Dennis Fagan called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the STC Conference room.

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Kimberlee Middaugh; Theodore Bennett; Donna Draxler; Ernie Hartman; Randy Olthof

Schuyler County – Kate Bartholomew; Dennis Fagan; Kristin VanHorn

Steuben County – Mark Alger; Amy Dlugos; James Johnson; Joe Hauryski;

STC Staff – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Victoria Ehlen; Janet Thigpen; Dan Wilhelm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Dennis Fagan introduced new STC board member Randy Olthof, Commissioner of Planning for Chemung County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Draxler/Hartman) and carried, the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Audit Committee**

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – on a motion duly made (Alger/Hauryski) and carried, the abstracts totaling \$54,621.89 were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel Committee** – the committee met prior to today's meeting and discussed the 2015 budget.

BOARD ACTION – 2015 ARC Project Review and Ratings (see below) – Amy Dlugos reported for the Regional Human Services Committee, and Ernie Hartman reported on the projects reviewed by the Economic Development Policy Committee. Each gave an overview of the applications received for fiscal year 2015. The projects and scores are as follows:

Fiscal Year 2015
SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Number	Project Name and Descriptions	Score	Project ARC Amount	Match	Total Project Cost	Project Sponsor
1501	Pathways to Practice II: Building the Healthcare Workforce in the Appalachian Counties of New York State. Use the online platform developed with FY2014 ARC grant in STE to facilitate outreach, experiential programs, training, recruitment and continuing education for students, educators and healthcare professionals in Chemung and Schuyler Counties.	47	\$83,125	\$85,425	\$168,550	Central New York Area Health Education Center
1502	Food, Fun, Family, and Fitness - The 4F's. Promote physical activity, nutrition education, and early screenings for children and adults using evidenced based programs, leading to healthier children who will become better students and better educated adults, enhancing the workforce in the future.	66	\$78,832	\$81,521	\$160,353	Schuyler County Public Health
1503	Big Flats Water Department Improvements. Construction of a booster pump station and use of an interconnection between the City of Elmira and the Town of Big Flats water districts to equalize the pressure so water from either district can meet increased demand.	75	\$150,000	\$516,433	\$666,433	Town of Big Flats
1504	Connectivity and Communications Provision for Incubator Works, Horseheads, NY. Provide broadband fiber link and connectivity for secure data intensive manufacturing at the business incubator established in the re-purposed Schweizer aircraft facility.	75	\$150,000	\$1,590,000	\$1,740,000	Alfred Technology Resources Inc.

Number	Project Name and Descriptions	Score	Project ARC Amount	Match	Total Project Cost	Project Sponsor
1505	Corning Manor Water Improvement Project. Improvements to the public water system serving low income residents to alleviate health threats caused by asbestos lined pipes, lead based water meters, dead end water lines and undersized water lines that do not allow sufficient water for daily use or fire protection.	71	\$150,000	\$750,000	\$900,000	Town of Corning
1506	Painted Post Water Supply Improvements. Establish additional groundwater supply for Village of Painted Post and other areas served (Village of Riverside and Town of Corning) to establish a suitable supply for current and future demands.	69	\$150,000	\$360,955	\$510,955	Village of Painted Post
1507	Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension Engineering Plan of the Hamlet of Kanona. Support an engineering plan to extend water and sanitary sewer along NYS Route 415 and NY Route 53 from the Village of Bath to the Hamlet of Kanona to support future growth.	65	\$36,250	\$36,250	\$72,500	Steuben County IDA
TOTAL RECOMMENDED ARC PROJECTS FOR FY 2015 \$798,207						

On a motion duly made (Johnson/Bartholomew) and carried, the board accepted the committees' scores and recommends them to the NYS Department of State and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Status of Appalachian Regional Commission Projects** – the ARC projects for 2014 were funded, with the exception of the Chemung Farmer's Market, which requires funding through the CFA process to go forward.

ARC funding – the House approved a continuing resolution that includes ARC funding through December 11, 2014.

2. **Economic Development Administration** – Andrew Reid is the new regional representative for EDA.

Two projects are expected to be submitted for the next EDA quarterly funding cycle.

They are Project Seneca, for the wastewater treatment plant in Schuyler County; and water and sewer infrastructure for the South Yards in Hornell.

3. **Southern Tier Network** – STN is developing plans for the expansion to Tioga and Broome Counties, including ensuring that the match will be in place.

STN is exploring options for fiber to be run to the curb and to the premises in Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties.

STEG, on behalf of the region's economic developers, is contracting with the Strategic Networks Group (SNG) to demonstrate to small businesses in all three counties how high speed broadband can help their companies grow and thrive. In addition to helping the businesses, this will introduce the Southern Tier Network to businesses in the region.

4. **Flood Program Update – FEMA Risk Map Projects** – FEMA notified the region in June that the Chemung Watershed mapping project was terminated without producing any new maps. A website provides computer models of the engineering work done but not draft maps. It also does not include modeling information to support the draft maps that were developed earlier for Chemung County. Janet Thigpen is trying to obtain additional information.

Meetings have been held about a new FEMA project in the Finger Lakes Watershed. Janet commented on their draft Discovery Report, scheduled to be released in September. If a mapping project is done that includes updated modeling of Catherine Creek, it would trigger the need for certification of the levee in Montour Falls.

Information was distributed and discussed about National Flood Insurance Program Reforms and Flood Resistant STC Region, including key messages developed for a regional Flood Education Plan.

Janet received a national Flood Risk Education award for use of the stormwater-floodplain model. The award money was used to purchase hats with a message from the Flood Education Plan: "Where it rains, it can flood."

Janet serves on the Board of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, a national professional organization, and the NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association. She helps EES with the Flood Warning program, works with the county water quality committees, provides floodplain management assistance to anyone who asks, and helps with stormwater management issues. Currently, she and Kemberli Sargent are reviewing local codes to make it easier for developers to comply with the state stormwater management standards. The Request for Applications for the next 4 years of 604(b) funding will be released soon.

5. **Clemens Center Parkway Update** – Ted Bennett noted that this project has been in the works for the last 40 years and has not been completed. He continues to advocate for its completion.
6. **I-86 Update** – Ted Bennett gave an overview of I-86 progress to the east of the STC region. There will be a meeting on October 3, 2014 of the I-86 Coalition.

7. Intergovernmental Reviews

Steuben County

1421 Water System Improvements

Project Applicant: Village of Arkport

Description: upgrade and water system improvements

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development

Cost: Federal: \$2,520,520 Applicant: \$65,000 Total: \$\$2,585,520

1422 Corning Manor Water District Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Town of Corning

Description: replace piping, well pumps and housing, install new gate valves and new fire hydrants.

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development

Cost: Federal: \$900,000 Total: \$900,000

1426 Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building

Project Applicant: Hornell Municipal Airport, City of Hornell

Description: demolish a hangar and build a new metal building to house snow removal equipment.

Federal Agency: FAA

Cost: Federal: \$438,770 State: \$24,375 Applicant: \$24,375 Total: \$487,520

STC staff described each of the above projects and any comments received. There being no questions, on a motion duly made (Alger/Johnson) and carried, the board approved the intergovernmental review applications.

8. Other

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Next Board Meeting** - the next board meeting will be on October 16, 2014.
2. **Board Appointments for 2015** – several board appointments for Schuyler will expire at the end of the calendar year.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion duly made (Alger/Bartholomew) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.